

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 1687

AN ACT

To amend section 21 of the Small Business Act to require cyber certification for small business development center counselors, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Small Business Cyber
3 Training Act of 2022”.

4 **SEC. 2. DUTIES OF SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CEN-**
5 **TER COUNSELORS.**

6 (a) CYBER TRAINING.—Section 21 of the Small Busi-
7 ness Act (15 U.S.C. 648) is amended by adding at the
8 end the following:

9 “(o) CYBER STRATEGY TRAINING FOR SMALL BUSI-
10 NESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS.—

11 “(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection—

12 “(A) the term ‘cyber strategy’ means re-
13 sources and tactics to assist in planning for cy-
14 bersecurity and defending against cyber risks
15 and attacks; and

16 “(B) the term ‘lead small business develop-
17 ment center’ means a small business develop-
18 ment center that receives reimbursement from
19 the Administrator under paragraph (5).

20 “(2) CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.—The Adminis-
21 trator shall establish a cyber counseling certification
22 program, or designate 1 or more substantially simi-
23 lar governmental or private cybersecurity certifi-
24 cation programs, to certify the employees of lead
25 small business development centers in providing
26 cyber planning assistance to small business concerns.

1 “(3) NUMBER OF CERTIFIED EMPLOYEES.—

2 The Administrator shall ensure that the number of
3 employees of each lead small business development
4 center who are certified in providing cyber planning
5 assistance is not less than the lesser of—

6 “(A) 5; or

7 “(B) 10 percent of the total number of em-
8 ployees of the lead small business development
9 center.

10 “(4) CYBER STRATEGY.—In carrying out para-
11 graph (2), the Administrator, to the extent prac-
12 ticable, shall consider any cyber strategy methods in-
13 cluded in the Small Business Development Center
14 Cyber Strategy developed under section
15 1841(a)(3)(B) of the National Defense Authoriza-
16 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328;
17 130 Stat. 2662).

18 “(5) REIMBURSEMENT FOR CERTIFICATION.—

19 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the avail-
20 ability of appropriations, the Administrator
21 shall reimburse each lead small business devel-
22 opment center for costs relating to the certifi-
23 cation of 1 or more employees of the lead small
24 business center in providing cyber planning as-

1 sistance under a program established or des-
 2 ignated under paragraph (2).

3 “(B) LIMITATION.—The total amount re-
 4 imbursed by the Administrator under subpara-
 5 graph (A) may not exceed \$350,000 in any fis-
 6 cal year.

7 “(6) FUNDING UNDER SBDC PROGRAM.—
 8 Amounts made available to fund grants under this
 9 section for fiscal year 2022, and each fiscal year
 10 thereafter, shall be available for reimbursements
 11 under this subsection.”.

12 (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than 180 days
 13 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator
 14 of the Small Business Administration shall implement
 15 paragraphs (2), (3), and (4) of section 21(o) of the Small
 16 Business Act, as added by subsection (a).

Passed the Senate September 28, 2022.

Attest:

Secretary.

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